

Animal Care Committee
December 19, 2012
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke, Chair Alexander, Esther Attard Janet Andrews, Kathy Clark, Terri Daniels, Jody Greenlaw and Furhait Kashmiri, Rhiannon Lane and Caroline Lane.
Regrets: Denielle Duncan

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	A Christmas-Hanukkah/Holiday party was held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Animal Care Committee convened at 6:00 p.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes of the Animal Care Committee Meeting	Moved by Kathy Clark Seconded by Rhiannon Lane That the Minutes from the November 21, 2012 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved as presented; and, That the Minutes from the December 4, 2012 Special Animal Care Committee be approved as presented. CARRIED	
3. Business Arising From the Minutes	A. <u>Review of Action Items</u> The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. The following update was provided: • The 10 questions to ask when hiring a wildlife removal specialist have been placed on the website; • There were no foreseen issues with creating an electronic form for the animal care fundraising calendar;	Email the Committee what municipalities had an electronic process for their animal care fundraising calendar - Terri Daniels

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	• Terri Daniels will email the Committee the municipalities that had an electronic process for their animal care fundraising calendar; • Staff will hold off on placing a link on Markham's website to the Toronto Wildlife until it has confirmed its animal control contract. It was reported that Christopher Alexander had received an email from the Wildlife Associations of Ontario seeking municipal interest in licensing wildlife specialist in Ontario. The Cats Canada Report was presented to the Committee. The report estimates that 60% of cats nationally are euthanized. A copy of the report will be emailed to the Committee.	Email Cats Canada Report to the Committee – Christopher Alexander
4. Animal Control Program Update	A. <u>Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Pilot Project Update</u> No report was provided. B. <u>Adoption Update</u> No report was provided. C. <u>OSPCA Update</u> The Committee reviewed the November 2012 OSPCA statistics. Staff had some questions regarding the number of cats being held at the animal shelter. These questions were being clarified by the OSPCA. An update will be provided on the stats once these questions have been answered. Staff estimated that 25% of the cats brought to the OSPCA animal shelter had a positive outcome (e.g. were adopted out or returned to their owner).	Provide an update on the stats once the OSPCA answers staff's questions regarding the number of cats being held at the facility – Christopher Alexander
5. Events	No report was provided.	

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6. New Business	A. <u>Committee Membership</u> The Committee Clerk provided an update on filling the committee vacancies. It was advised that to-date two applications have been received. Members were asked to encourage qualified applicants to apply. Councillor Valerie Burke advised that she will be stepping down from the role of Chair in January. B. <u>The Harvesting of Animals</u> The response from the federal government to the Mayor's letter regarding the harvesting of animals using inhumane and/or unsustainable practices was reviewed by the Committee. The Committee deferred any further discussion on this matter until it could think about how it would like to respond. C. <u>Status Update on Ducks in Milne Pond</u> Chris Alexander reported that the Toronto Star had included a story in its GTA section about the domestic ducks at Milne Pond. In response to the article the City has received a number of phone calls regarding adopting the ducks. D. <u>IKEA Monkey</u> There was a discussion on the IKEA monkey. E. <u>Appreciative Gesture</u> Moved by Janet Andrews Seconded by Kathy Clark That the Animal Care Committee thank Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator	Encourage qualified applicants to apply to the Animal Care Committee – All Committee Members Add the Harvesting of Animals to the next agenda for further discussion – Laura Gold

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	and Christopher Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing and Animal Control, for their hard work and commitment to the Committee in 2012. CARRIED.	
7. Date of the Next Meeting	January 16, 2012, 5:30 p.m., Ontario Room	
8. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.	